

Grace United Church of Christ

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 20, 2020
Worship



Gospel Lectionary of Henry III; 1039-40

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We Gather

Prelude "Morning Meditation", Jason W. Krug (b. 1978) Jonas Dawson

Greeting

Preparing our Hearts (piano)

Call to Worship

One: Give praise to the Lord and proclaim to all what God has done!

All: Sing praises to God and tell of God's wondrous acts!

One: Look to God's strength and seek God's face always

All: Let the hearts of those who see God rejoice

Opening Hymn When Morning Gilds the Skies # 86

1 When morning gilds the sky,
our hearts awaking cry:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
in all our work and prayer
we ask his loving care:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

2 To God, the Word on high,
the hosts of angels cry:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let mortals too upraise
their voices in hymns of praise:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

3 Let earth's wide circle round
in joyful notes resound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky

from depth to height reply:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

4 Be this, when day is past,
of all our thoughts the last:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
The night becomes as day
when from the heart we say:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

5 Then let us join to sing
to Christ, our loving King:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song
through all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Psalter Hymnal, 1987

Opening Prayer

We Listen

First Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

Special Music

"Lost in the Wilderness",
from Children of Eden, Stephen Schwartz

Jonas Dawson

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Children's Message

Sermon

Pastor Jessica Townsley

We Respond

Pastoral Prayers

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

We are Sent

Announcements

Closing Prayer

Closing Hymn

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

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Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy",
from Southern Harmony, arr. Larry Shackley

Jonas Dawson

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*Cantor - James Taylor*

## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Matt. 7:24-27; 1 Cor. 3:11; Heb. 6:19; Rev. 11:15

Edward Mote, c. 1834; alt.

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' love and  
 2 When shad - ows veil my Sav - ior's face, I rest up - on un -  
 3 Christ's oath and cov - e - nant and blood sup - port me in the  
 4 When Christ shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in

righteous-ness; I dare not trust this earth - ly frame, but  
 chang-ing grace; In ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
 ris - ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, Christ  
 Love be found, Dressed in God's righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

*Refrain*

whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 an-chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand;  
 then is all my hope and stay.  
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

all oth - er ground is sink-ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.

*William Bradbury met great success by composing hymn tunes and religious songs in a lively, popular style. He also helped establish music programs in New York public schools, served a church, and co-founded a piano company.*

Tune: SOLID ROCK L.M. with refrain  
 William B. Bradbury, 1863



## Grace United Church of Christ

As of 9/16/2020

*Good News!!! At the beginning of the month, Gov Larry Hogan announced that Maryland was moving into Phase 3 of the pandemic response. Grace Council decided to wait a few weeks and see if there was a rise in numbers after Labor Day. Well, it seems stable at the moment, so starting NEXT week September 27th, we will be welcoming people back to worship. Covid precautions will still be in place, but please do join us as you feel comfortable. Live Streaming is NOT going away. You will be able to worship via our youtube channel from now on. (but we still want to see your pretty little face - as grandma used to say!)*

*What to expect when you return to worship in person?*

*CDC guidelines will be followed:*

- 1. There will be a welcome table in the narthex. Your temperature will be taken, there will be hand sanitizer and masks available as well. Masks are required. If you don't have one, we will happily give you one!*
- 2. Prayers will NOT be spoken aloud during worship. We cant use a common mic and passing prayer cards is not advised. There will be a prayer list in the narthex. If you have a prayer need either text it to the prayer number on the screen or add it to the comments on YouTube. You may also write your prayers on the prayer sheet in the narthex before worship each week. There are 2 baskets of pens: please take a fresh pen from the basket and put it in the USED PENS basket when you are finished. Pens are sanitized after worship.*
- 3. Seats will be socially distanced. Families may of course sit together. )Just don't sit in the pews that are taped off and you'll be fine. It'll be obvious.)*
- 4. Passing of the peace will not be physical; Instead, give a smile, a nod, a respectful bow of the head or an exuberant wave.*
- 5. Hymns will NOT be sung by the congregation. A cantor will sing the hymns so we can enjoy the words. If you'd like to participate, please mouth the words or hum along!*
- 6. Ushers will be releasing people row by row as worship ends. Please just leave the building without congregating together. We need to minimize in person contact. Pastor Rob will NOT be at the door greeting people.*
- 7. The bathrooms and building are sanitized prior to each service. There are hand sanitizer stations outside the bathrooms. Rubber gloves are there as well if anyone prefers to use those to touch the faucets, etc...
  - a. Trashcans are outside the bathroom so people can use a paper towel to flush or close the door and then dispose of the towel in the trash can.**

*I Know it sounds like a lot, but it's really fine and we will navigate these new waters with ease! We are Grace Church! We can do it with ease!*

*~ Pastor Rob +*



# Daily Bible Readings September 2020

**Tuesday, September 1, 2020:** Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 5:1-6:13; Revelation 3:7-13OR Psalm 17; 2 Samuel 11:27b-12:15; Revelation 3:7-13

**Wednesday, September 2, 2020:** Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 7:14-25; Matthew 12:22-32OR Psalm 17; Jeremiah 17:5-18; Matthew 12:22-32

**Thursday, September 3, 2020:** Psalm 149; Exodus 9:1-7; 2 Corinthians 12:11-21OR Psalm 119:33-40; Ezekiel 24:1-14; 2 Corinthians 12:11-21

**Friday, September 4, 2020:** Psalm 149; Exodus 10:21-29; Romans 10:15b-21OR Psalm 119:33-40; Ezekiel 24:15-27; Romans 10:15b-21

**Saturday, September 5, 2020:** Psalm 149; Exodus 11:1-10; Matthew 23:29-36OR Psalm 119:33-40; Ezekiel 33:1-6; Matthew 23:29-36

**Sunday, September 6, 2020: Proper 18 (23)**  
Exodus 12:1-14 and Psalm 149 •  
Ezekiel 33:7-11 and Psalm 119:33-40 •  
Romans 13:8-14 • Matthew 18:15-20

**Monday, September 7, 2020:** Psalm 121; Exodus 12:14-28; 1 Peter 2:11-17OR Psalm 119:65-72; Leviticus 4:27-31; 5:14-16; 1 Peter 2:11-17

**Tuesday, September 8, 2020:** Psalm 121; Exodus 12:29-42; Romans 13:1-7OR Psalm 119:65-72; Deuteronomy 17:2-13; Romans 13:1-7

**Wednesday, September 9, 2020:** Psalm 121; Exodus 13:1-10; Matthew 21:18-22OR Psalm 119:65-72; Leviticus 16:1-5, 20-28; Matthew 21:18-22

**Thursday, September 10, 2020:** Psalm 114; Exodus 13:17-22; 1 John 3:11-16OR Psalm 103:8-13; Genesis 37:12-36; 1 John 3:11-16

**Friday, September 11, 2020:** Psalm 114; Exodus 14:1-18; Acts 7:9-16OR Psalm 103:8-13; Genesis 41:53-42:17; Acts 7:9-16

**Saturday, September 12, 2020:** Psalm 114; Exodus 15:19-21; Matthew 6:7-15OR Psalm 103:8-13; Genesis 45:1-20; Matthew 6:7-15

**Sunday, September 13, 2020: Proper 19 (24)**  
Exodus 14:19-31 and Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21 • Genesis 50:15-21 and Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13 • Romans 14:1-12 • Matthew 18:21-35

**Monday, September 14, 2020:** Psalm 77; Joshua 3:1-17; Hebrews 11:23-29OR Psalm 133; Genesis 48:8-22; Hebrews 11:23-29

**Tuesday, September 15, 2020:** Psalm 77; Nehemiah 9:9-15; Romans 14:13-15:2 OR Psalm 133; Genesis 49:29-50:14; Romans 14:13-15:2

**Wednesday, September 16, 2020:** Psalm 77; 2 Kings 2:1-18; Mark 11:20-25 OR Psalm 133; Genesis 50:22-26; Mark 11:20-25

**Thursday, September 17, 2020:** Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 15:22-27; 2 Corinthians 13:1-4 OR Psalm 145:1-8; Nahum 1:1, 14-2:2; 2 Corinthians 13:1-4

**Friday, September 18, 2020:** Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 16:1-21; 2 Corinthians 13:5-10 OR Psalm 145:1-8; Nahum 2:3-13; 2 Corinthians 13:5-10

**Saturday, September 19, 2020:** Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 16:22-30; Matthew 19:23-30 OR Psalm 145:1-8; Zephaniah 2:13-15; Matthew 19:23-30

**Sunday, September 20, 2020: Proper 20 (25)**  
Exodus 16:2-15 and Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 •  
Jonah 3:10-4:11 and Psalm 145:1-8 •  
Philippians 1:21-30 • Matthew 20:1-16

**Monday, September 21, 2020:** Psalm 119:97-104; Exodus 16:31-35; Romans 16:1-16 OR Psalm 106:1-12; Genesis 27:1-29; Romans 16:1-16

**Tuesday, September 22, 2020:** Psalm 119:97-104; Numbers 11:1-9; Romans 16:17-20 OR Psalm 106:1-12; Genesis 28:10-17; Romans 16:17-20

**Wednesday, September 23, 2020:** Psalm 119:97-104; Numbers 11:18-23, 31-32; Matthew 18:1-5 OR Psalm 106:1-12; Isaiah 41:1-13; Matthew 18:1-5

**Thursday, September 24, 2020:** Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Isaiah 48:17-21; James 4:11-16 OR Psalm 25:1-9; Ezekiel 12:17-28; James 4:11-16

**Friday, September 25, 2020:** Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Numbers 20:1-13; Acts 13:32-41 OR Psalm 25:1-9; Ezekiel 18:5-18; Acts 13:32-41

**Saturday, September 26, 2020:** Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Numbers 27:12-14; Mark 11:27-33 OR Psalm 25:1-9; Ezekiel 18:19-24; Mark 11:27-33

**Sunday, September 27, 2020: Proper 21 (26)**  
Exodus 17:1-7 and Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 •  
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 and Psalm 25:1-9 •  
Philippians 2:1-13 • Matthew 21:23-32

**Monday, September 28, 2020:** Psalm 42; Exodus 18:1-12; Philippians 1:3-14 OR Psalm 28; Judges 14:1-20; Philippians 1:3-14

**Tuesday, September 29, 2020:** Psalm 42; Exodus 18:13-27; Philippians 1:15-21 OR Psalm 28; Judges 16:1-22; Philippians 1:15-21

**Wednesday, September 30, 2020:** Psalm 42; Exodus 19:9b-25; Matthew 9:2-8 OR Psalm 28; Judges 16:23-31; Matthew 9:2-8





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### SUNDAY WORSHIP – 11:00 AM — Virtual

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Scripture Reader: ONLINE  
Children's Message: N/A  
Children's Church: N/A  
Altar Guild: N/A

*If you would like to serve as a greeter, or host fellowship time after worship, please add your name to the sign up sheet in the Good Shepherd Room.*

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